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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 9, after the last paragraph on the page, insert the following paragraph:

*(A1)*  
The invention has been described with particular emphasis on the preferred embodiments, but variations and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention may occur to those skilled in the art to which the invention pertains.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*(A2)*  
1. (Amended) A ski binding or a snowboard binding having boot holder components on the front or

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